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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant desires to bring to the attention of the Office known references which are believed to be material to the patentability of the above-identified application. The submittal of these references is made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 and §609 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures. A copy of each reference is being submitted herewith.

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- 1) Foley, U. S. Patent No. 3,865,292, issued February 11, 1975;
- 2) Foley, U.S. Patent No. 3,933,287, issued January 20, 1976;
- 3) Uchin, U.S. Patent No. 4,127,223, issued November 28, 1978;
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- 8) Hayes et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,823,594, issued October 20, 1998.

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